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infected during the week, 1; cases of quarantinable diseases occurring among persons in detention, cholera, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 55; pieces of baggage inspected and passed, 23; vessels remaining in quarantine 7 p. m., October 18, 13. Vessels for clean ports are held in quarantine five days before being allowed to sail, and inspected daily. Vessels for infected ports are cleared without quarantine detention.

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PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—A death from yellow fever on the schooner Trader from Buen Ayre.

SAN JUAN, P. R., November 24, 1902.

On the 23d instant, the Dutch schooner *Trader* arrived six days out from Buen Ayre. This vessel brought a foul bill of health, 1 death from yellow fever having occurred at Buen Ayre on the 15th instant, two days prior to the sailing of the *Trader*.

Upon inspection, the crew was found well, but a considerable number of mosquitoes was found on board, all of the variety *stegomyia*. As a precautionary measure the vessel was sulphured to kill these mosquitoes. Further disinfection was deemed unnecessary, and the vessel was released from quarantine and observation on the 24th instant.

This morning the American schooner *Cordzon Maria*, six and a half days out from Buen Ayre, arrived at this station. This vessel entered under the same conditions as did the Dutch schooner *Trader*, and has been detained in quarantine and disinfected with sulphur to kill mosquitoes. No other treatment of the vessel is considered necessary, all being well on board.

H. S. MATHEWSON,
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THE SURGEON-GENERAL.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., November 24, 1902.

For the week ended November 22, 1902, 5 vessels were inspected, of which 3 were held in quarantine. Three bills of health were issued. On the 17th, the French steamship *St. Domingue* arrived from Port au Prince, Lex Cayes, Jeremie, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez. Twelve pieces of baggage were disinfected. The vessel was held in quarantine and sailed on the same day. On the 18th, the Cuban steamship *Julia* arrived from Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago, Santo Domingo, and Macoris. Thirty-three pieces of baggage were disinfected. The vessel was held in quarantine and sailed on the same day. Spanish steamship *Montevideo* arrived from Havana, Port Limon, Sabanilla, Curaçao, Puerto Cabello, and La Guaira. Was held in quarantine and transacted her business while at this port under guard. No passengers for this port.

According to the official report of the board of health, the city and district are free from any quarantinable disease.

Mortality statistics.—Number and causes of death in Ponce jurisdiction (city, play, and surrounding country) during the month of October,

1902: Digestive system, 30; respiratory system, 5; circulatory system, 8; nervous system, 12; anæmia, malnutrition, inanition, 13; malaria, 7; tuberculosis, 5; cancer, 2; nephritis, 3; metritis, 1; pyæmia, 5; peritonitis, 1. Total, 92.

Number of deaths reported during October, 1902 (*a*), 92; number of deaths reported during October, 1901 (*a*), 116; number of births reported during October, 1902 (*a*), 91; number of births reported during October, 1901 (*a*), 153.

JOS. GOLDBERGER,
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The SURGEON-GENERAL.

TURKEY.

Cholera in Galilee.

BEIRUT, SYRIA, *November 3, 1902.*

SIR: In confirmation of my cablegram of the 28th ultimo, reading as follows:

SECRETARY OF STATE, *Washington*: Cholera Tiberias.—RAVNDAL.

I beg to inclose copy of 3 telegrams, dated, respectively, October 27, October 30, and November 2, from the United States Consular Agent Schumacher, at Haifa, describing the appearance of Asiatic cholera in Galilee. Having raged in Egypt for several months and nearly spent its force there, the epidemic recently got a fresh start at Gaza in southern Palestine and has now, on its march northward, reached the vicinity of Acca. Our vice and deputy consul, Mr. Magelssen, who, on the 15th ultimo, started for Haifa on official business, soon found himself hemmed in by cordons and quarantine regulations to such an extent that he has not yet been able to return to Beirut. No steamships touch at Haifa under present conditions and the cordons render traveling by land impracticable. I have suggested his return by sailboat. Eventually he will have to undergo ten days' quarantine in this port.

Respectfully,

G. BEE RAVNDAL,
United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosures.]

HAIFA, *October 27, 1902.*

Since Friday, 31 cases of cholera reported officially at Tiberias, 11 of which were fatal. No cases at Haifa or Acca, but quarantine imposed against these ports and all interior points, consequently Mr. Magelssen unable to leave.—SCHUMACHER, *Consular Agent.*

HAIFA, *October 30, 1902.*

Tiberias (Tuesday), 12 fatal cases cholera at Shefamir, 9 miles east Haifa. Two cases yesterday.—SCHUMACHER.

HAIFA, *November 2, 1901.*

Tiberias (Friday), 45 cases cholera, 35 fatal. Endor, near Nazareth, 4 cases, 2 fatal. Haifa clean.—SCHUMACHER.

^a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.